



MICHIGAN
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
ELECTIONS**

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

10:30 a.m.

Room 308 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Elections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Lisa Posthumus Lyons.

Members Present: Representatives Lyons, Leutheuser, Heise, Jacobsen, Driskell, Irwin, and Hoadley.

Members absent/excused: Representative Kesto.

Representative Jacobsen moved to excuse Representative Kesto from the committee. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Heise moved to adopt the minutes from the **Wednesday, December 9, 2015**, meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chair Lyons laid **HB 5219** before the committee:

HB 5219 (Lyons)	Campaign finance; public funding; provision related to use of public funds for certain advertisement campaigns; modify.
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TESTIMONY

Chair Lyons, sponsor of HB 5219, explained her bill to the committee.

Dan Behm, representing the Forest Hills Public Schools, testified in opposition to the bill.

Chris Hackbarth, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in opposition to the bill.

Frank Walsh, representing Meridian Township, testified in opposition to the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to the bill.

Yvonne Caamal Canul, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators

(MASA), testified in opposition to the bill.

Chris Wigent, Executive Director, representing (MASA), testified and submitted written testimony in opposition to the bill.

Rich Robinson, representing himself, testified indicating neutrality on the bill.

Chris Glass, representing the West Michigan Talent Triangle, testified in opposition to the bill.

Eric Doster, representing himself, testified and submitted a handout in support of the bill.

Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card and/or written testimony but did not wish to speak:

Eric Larson, representing the Kent County Taxpayers Alliance.

Ed Noyola, representing the County Road Association of Michigan, opposes the bill.

Judy Karandjeff, representing the League of Women Voters of Michigan, opposes the bill.

Jordyn Sellek, representing the Conference of Western Wayne, opposes the bill.

Dana Gill, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, opposes the bill.

David Randels, representing Oakland Schools, opposes the bill.

Beth DeShone, representing the Great Lakes Education Project, supports the bill.

Kieran Marion, representing the Michigan Department of State (MDOS), indicated neutrality on the bill.

Emily Laidlaw, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators (MAISA), opposes the bill.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:51 a.m.

Representative Lisa Lyons, Chair
House Standing Committee on Elections

Malika Abdul-Basir

Committee Clerk

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1 Hour and 21 Minutes